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Leading Democrat Decries US "Police State"

Prominent Democratic congressman James A. Traficant (Ohio) says America has become a virtual police state, and he wants to create a new federal agency to investigate crimes committed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Rep. Traficant made his astonishing remarks after observing suspicious events in the current Waco investigation, culminating in the sudden death in April of Carlos Ghigliotti, a forensic expert investigating Waco deaths. Ghigliotti, 42, was hired by the House Government Reform Committee to analyze infrared film taken by the FBI during its April 1993 Waco assault. He was highly critical of FBI and Justice Department claims about Waco. His body, badly decomposed, was found in his office in late April. A local medical examiner's office declared the cause of death was a heart attack in his sleep. Traficant is skeptical.

"We have developed a stone cold police state in America, believe me, from Waco, Ruby Ridge, to Miami, Florida," Traficant said. *"Every American knows it, [but] no one is doing anything about it."*

Traficant has introduced legislation to create the Fair Justice Agency, a new federal agency that would have the power to investigate and prosecute misconduct, criminal activity, corruption or fraud by an officer or employee of the Justice Department. The head of the FJA would be appointed by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and would serve a 10-year-term -- unless, of course, murdered first. -- "Congressman Fears Police State, Says Waco Expert May Have Murdered" by Stephan Archer, May 30, 2000, Newsmax.com

GORE THE GUN GRABBER

"We all know where Al Gore stands on firearms freedom. He wants to turn your rights into privileges. He wants to license you, make you apply for a photo ID card, take tests and pay various fees - but you can bet that's just his foot in your front door. Licensing is just registration by another

name. Once some Gore government has the names, addresses, photos and ownership inventories of every gun owner in America, we all know what comes next. Once liberty is transformed into license, that license can be revoked. ... Unless gun owners turn out in full force on Election Day and give anti-gun politicians a resounding rebuke, then our rights are no safer than little Elian Gonzalez." -- Charlton Heston, President of the National Rifle Association, *American Rifleman*, July 2000

IRS' UNBRIDLED POWER

"Mr. Ernest Spence of Roswell, New Mexico, is a small business owner. His problem with the Internal Revenue Service began last year when he paid his fourth-quarter taxes for the amount of \$28,153.93. According to Mr. Spence, the IRS insisted that he had underpaid by \$0.01. He insisted the underpayment was inadvertent and due to a calculating error for a fraction of a cent that did not carry over. The IRS then assessed Mr. Spence \$286.50 in penalties and interest for the \$0.01 error. Mr. Bill Golden, Mr. Spence's accountant, filed a protest and an amended tax form and the IRS also asked for further documentation to determine how the problem occurred."

--by R. B.

Ed.: We would prefer to credit our contributors by name but will henceforth generally give out only their initials. Why? To protect them. It has come to our attention that every name in every issue of the humble *New Jersey Militia Newsletter* is entered into a database maintained by Department of Justice quisling and contract agent Mark Pitcavage aka Sparky of Militia Watch Dog notoriety. The DOJ of course is implementing *a stone cold police state in America* (see "Police State" story above). High on their hit list are patriots, militiamen and everyone else who questions the crimes of government.

CRIME RATE RISING IN BRITAIN

Note: Violent crime has risen 10% in England since their last major gun ban.

"There are many more burglaries and thefts in Britain than America and, according to the most recent figures

comparing rates across the industrialised world, 'contact' crime is higher here. This includes assaults, robberies and rapes," wrote Philip Johnston, *Home Affairs* editor

"The 1996 victimisation survey, conducted before big falls in American crime, showed the risk of contact crime as higher in England and Wales than anywhere else. Statistics can mask reality. Robberies in America are much more likely to be at gunpoint, which is one reason why the murder rate is much higher. The main reason for a much lower burglary rate in America is householders' propensity to shoot intruders. They do so without fear of being dragged before courts and jailed for life."

If American tourists coming to Britain are frightened of being murdered, a rare crime in any case, it is much less likely to happen in London than in any American city. But if they fear being assaulted, robbed or otherwise manhandled, it is more common here than in most of America, outside the city ghettos that most law-abiding people avoid.

The trend in America is down while in Britain, ... the latest crime figures ...[are] up. Violent crime has risen more than 10 per cent. Despite recent big falls in American murders, the rate remains the biggest difference between the two countries. Murder is the most likely cause of death in young men, who are 50 times more likely to be killed in Washington than in London, mainly because guns are so easy to obtain.

NEW TWIST IN JURY TRIALS?

By John Gillie, *The News Tribune*

The Washington State Trial Lawyers Association is seeking to allow jurors to question witnesses at trial, and a state panel is studying the issue.

Such a system would give jurors closer ties to the trial, and they might pose questions that lawyers neglected to ask, said Larry Shannon, the group's government affairs director.

In addition, anything that enhances jurors' satisfaction will help solve the problem of seating juries, Shannon said. In some counties, only 20 percent of those summoned report for jury service.

The state Board for Judicial Administration, headed by state Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Guy, is scrutinizing the issue of jury questions as part of a study of overhauling the judicial system.

Pierce County chief criminal deputy prosecutor Gerry Horne said allowing jurors to ask questions could help their decision-making.

"Jurors get frustrated because we hide too many things from them in trial," Horne said. *"They need to get as much information as possible. After all, this is a truth-finding process."*

Tacoma defense attorney Monte Hester said he can see both the positive and negative points of allowing jurors to ask their own questions.

"I'd be all for it in certain cases, especially when my client is absolutely innocent," Hester said. *"Let them ask all the questions they want."*

But jurors might send a trial spinning out of control if the judge didn't clearly limit the kinds and scope questions jurors can ask, Hester said.

If jurors ask questions beyond the scope of the issue at trial, the judge would have to rein them in, he said.

"If they start wandering off into the collateral stuff, then it could be a real waste of time and a danger to justice," Hester said.

Ed.: would the proposed change even be necessary if judges permitted the jury to hear all evidence?

BRAZIL BANS FIREARMS SALES

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) - Marco Aurelio Sprovieri is the owner of one of Sao Paulo's largest gun stores and cannot sell firearms. *"The government just declared my bankruptcy,"* Sprovieri said.

As part of a sweeping anti-crime package announced Tuesday, the government issued a decree forbidding issuing gun permits for six months in a nation where recent statistics say a killing takes place every 13 minutes.

The decree in effect imposes a nationwide ban on firearm sales, because nobody can buy a gun without a permit.

"This is not a six-month ban," Sprovieri said by phone. *"It's going to last forever, because the government can and will renew the decree until the law (on gun control) is passed. Our store, which first opened its doors for business 75 years ago, will have to shut down. The government has wiped us out. It is really absurd. Criminals don't buy their weapons in stores."*

The decree suspends issuing of gun permits until Dec. 31, 2000, and exempts only the armed forces, and federal, state and municipal law enforcement agencies.

Norman Gall, executive director of the Fernand Braudel Institute of World

Economics, a Sao Paulo-based think tank that has studied violence, agrees the decree *"...will have absolutely no impact on diminishing crime. Legally purchased weapons are not the problem,"* Gall said, *"The illegal ones, mostly bought on the contraband market are the problem"*

He said the ban could even increase the demand for illegal weapons *"...like prohibition did with booze in the United States."*

"The ban may even increase crime rates because criminals could feel bolder knowing law-abiding citizens are unarmed," he said.

Brazilians own an estimated eight million guns, of which about six million are unregistered and mostly in the hands of criminals, government figures say. [Brazil's 1989 population was about 150 million. - Ed.]

Everyone else would have 360 days to turn in their guns and ammunition. Those who return the guns will be compensated, but the bill doesn't say by how much. Illegal weapons would be confiscated.

The country's two biggest arms manufacturers - Rossi and Taurus - would not immediately comment on the ban.

GLOCK FEELS THE PINCH

NEW YORK (Dow Jones, June 14, 2000)- Handgun manufacturer Glock said it is beginning to feel the pinch of a Clinton administration campaign to get municipal police departments to refuse to do business with firearm makers that decline to curb certain business practices, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The U.S. unit of Austria's Glock GmbH has received word in recent days from five cities around the country that say they are putting on hold acquisitions totaling about 2,000 Glock pistols, and may cancel the purchases, Paul Jannuzzo, the vice president and general counsel of the unit said. Glock is the predominant supplier of U.S. police weapons. The 2,000 guns constitute only about 1% of the U.S. unit's annual sales, Mr. Jannuzzo said.

Glock's acknowledgment is important because it is the first indication of the potential effectiveness of one of the Clinton administration's main pressure tactics against the gun industry.

Even so, administration and municipal officials involved in gun-control policy said they weren't aware of specific cities beginning to act against Glock.

That could be because the action against the gun company is taking place at the purchasing and police department levels and hasn't yet hardened into formal policy.

Smith & Wesson Admits Consumer Anger Hurting Sales

(CNSNews.com, June 21, 2000) --

The president of gun maker Smith & Wesson has acknowledged that a "consumer boycott" over the company's agreement with the Clinton-Gore Administration is hurting the company and was a factor in his decision to suspend virtually all manufacturing at two plants during the month of July. The suspension is expected to result in the layoffs of as many as 400 employees in Springfield, Massachusetts and Houlton, Maine.

Jackboot Liberalism

"By all accounts, President Clinton worries constantly about his legacy. He need not: his assault on constitutional values, as well as conventional morals, is unmatched. Indeed, he has gutted the Democratic Party's commitment to civil liberties. Democrats like Jimmy Carter, Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis all represented a humane liberalism with a commitment to civil liberties. No one would make that claim about Bill Clinton, who represents *a new political philosophy: jackboot liberalism.*

"Record numbers of wiretaps, repressive 'anti-terrorism' legislation, support for mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, suspicious IRS audits of political opponents, White House interference with banking investigations, attacks on anti-abortion protesters, threats against critics of federal housing projects, media intimidation, bureaucratic witch hunts, brutal BATF and FBI raids, interference with state laws relaxing use of marijuana for medical purposes, purloined FBI files. It's a record that puts Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon to shame."

--Columnist Doug Bandow, June 22, 2000

America Was a Christian Nation

By Haven Bradford Gow

Much of the opposition to efforts by religious persons and groups to influence legislation regarding school prayer, abortion, homosexuality and pornography is rooted in a misguided interpretation of the First Amendment that demands a strict and total separation of Church and State. But it is clear from the statements of this nation's early government leaders that America indeed was founded on Judeo-Christian moral and religious values, and that the First Amendment was intended to preserve, protect and promote religion and religious liberty.

For example: Abigail Adams: *"A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox as an honest man without the fear of God ... The Scriptures tell us righteousness exalteth a nation."*

John Adams: *"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion ... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people."*

John Adams: *"It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand."*

John Quincy Adams: *"The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible."*

Samuel Adams: *"Impress the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls ... in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system."*

John Jay (the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court): *"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."*

James Madison: *"We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."*

George Washington: *"It is impossible to rightly govern ... without God and the Bible."*

Gouverneur Morris: *"Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God."*

Abraham Lincoln: *"The only assurance of our nation's safety is to lay our foundation in morality and religion."*

Daniel Webster: *"Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens."*

Noah Webster: *"The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil institutions and laws...All the miseries and evil which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and wars proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."*

Clearly, the Founding Fathers intended the First Amendment not to insulate society or the state from the influence of religion but, rather, to preserve and protect religion and religious freedom from transgressions by the state; they understood that a society's public morality depends upon a religious foundation, and that the wholesome influence of religion on private and public morality is essential to the survival of a free and civilized society; consequently, they wanted government to champion and defend religion and religious freedom.

The First Amendment scholar O. Carroll Arnold rightly observes: *"One would never*

dream of asserting that the government is neutral toward freedom of speech or the press, and it is (or at least should be) equally nonneutral toward religion and religious freedom."

--The Baptist Challenge,
November 1996

AMEN

*We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother.*

--Shakespeare, Henry V, Act IV, Scene III

World's Shortest Books

1. BEAUTY SECRETS by Janet Reno
2. THINGS I LOVE ABOUT BILL by Hillary Clinton
3. THE WILD YEARS by Al Gore
4. AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR LAWYERS
5. DETROIT - A TRAVEL GUIDE
6. DR. KEVORKIAN'S COLLECTION OF MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES
7. SPOTTED OWL RECIPES by the Sierra Club
8. THE AMISH PHONE DIRECTORY
9. MY PLAN TO FIND THE REAL KILLERS by O. J. Simpson
- And the World's Number One Shortest book...
10. MY BOOK OF MORALS by Bill Clinton

THANK YOU BILL

1. Thank you for introducing us to Jennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Monica Lewinsky, Dolly Kyle Browning, Kathleen Willey, and Juanita Broadrick. Are there any others that we should know about?

2. Thank you for teaching my 8-year-old about oral sex. I had really planned to wait until he was about 10 or so to discuss it with him, but now he knows more about it than I did as a senior in college.

3. Thank you for showing us that sexual harassment in the work place (especially the White House) and on the job is OK, and all you have to know is what the meaning of "IS" is. It really is great to know that certain sexual acts are not sex and one person may have sex while the other one involved does NOT.

4. Thank you for reintroducing the concept of impeachment to a new generation and demonstrating that the ridiculous plot of the movie, "Wag The Dog", could be plausible after all.

5. Thanks for making Jimmy Carter look competent, Gerald Ford look graceful, Richard Nixon look honest, and Lyndon Johnson look truthful.

6. Thank you for the 72 House and Senate witnesses who have pleaded the 5th Amendment and 17 witnesses who have fled the country to avoid testifying about Democrat campaign fund raising.

7. Thank you for the 19 charges, 8 convictions, and 4 imprisonments from the Whitewater "mess" and the 55 criminal charges and 32 criminal convictions (so far) in the other "Clinton" scandals.

8. Thanks also for reducing our military by half, "gutting" much of our foreign policy, and flying all over the world on "vacations" carefully disguised as necessary trips.

Also, please give my regards to Hillary, when/if you see her. Tell her I'm working on a "Thank You" letter for her.

Looking forward to January 2001,
Average Joe

GOOD TIP

Jack and I were listening to our favorite Gun Program [*The Shooting Show*] and Johnny Rowland, the host, mentioned his favorite product (he lives in Louisiana) to put on your guns (if they aren't Stainless Steel) to prevent rusting.

Any John Deere dealer will carry it. It is called Fluid Flow. He uses it on his guns all the time. Just thought I'd pass this little tidbit on to those who might want to try it out.

-- C, by email

Carnivore Loose! Run for Your Cyber-Lives!

"A new FBI cyber-snooping device code-named 'Carnivore' -- which can scan millions of e-mails a second and could already be scanning yours -- may be the biggest threat to Americans' digital privacy ever, the Libertarian Party warns. Carnivore is a hardware/software device the Federal Bureau of Investigation is already installing in Internet service providers' offices around the country. Dubbed Carnivore because of its ability to find 'the meat' among millions of e-mails, its existence was publicly revealed this week for the first time.

"Once in place, Carnivore scans every incoming and outgoing e-mail message on a network looking for telltale words or names, and saves those messages for later retrieval by law enforcement. It can also track instant messages, visits to websites, and Internet relay chat sessions. The FBI said Carnivore will only be used with a valid court order, and promised to limit surveillance to messages from suspected hackers, terrorists, and drug dealers. The problem with those promises -- and with Carnivore in general -- is that it gives the government unlimited power to spy on every American who has an e-mail account..."

--Libertarian Party news release, 7/14/00

QUOTES aus der FUEHRER CLINTON

"If the personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution inhibit the

government's ability to govern the people, we should look to limit those guarantees." -- President Bill Clinton, August 12, 1993

"The United States can't be so fixed [Ed: "fixated" in some reports] on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans...that we forget about reality." -- President William Clinton, March 1, 1993 during a press conference in Piscataway, NJ *Boston Globe*, March 2, 1993, page 3; *USA Today*, March 11, 1993, Page 2A

"The purpose of government is to rein in the rights of the people." -- Clinton on "MTV" 1993

"People sometimes need to sacrifice individual rights for public safety." - Clinton, lobbying for warrantless police search and seizures in public housing, 1994

"You know the one thing that's wrong with this country? Everyone gets a chance to have their fair say." - President Clinton, on May 29, 1993, the birthday of Patrick Henry, born May 29, 1736

"...unfortunately we can't control the actions of everyone," said Bill Clinton, April 20, 1994

"We still will have the freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom of movement, but we may have to have more discipline in doing it...", said President Bill Clinton, referring to his Omnibus Counterterrorism Act on "60 Minutes"

"I'll rule this country by executive order if Congress won't adopt my agenda." -- Clinton, July 4, 1998

"When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to Americans, it was assumed that the Americans who had that freedom would use it responsibly.... [However, now] there's a lot of irresponsibility. And so a lot of people say there's too much freedom. When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it." --President Bill Clinton, MTV's "Enough is Enough" March 22, 1994

"...we understand only the individual's capacity to make sacrifices for the community, for his fellow men." -- Adolf Hitler, October 7, 1933

--N. B.

Yassah, Massah. Whatever You Say, Massah

"Try this statement on ... see how it fits. See if this is the way you view your rights to life, liberty and property. It's a quote made by someone you might know: *'If the personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution inhibit the government's ability to govern the people, we should look to limit those guarantees.'* Who said it? Bill Clinton, of course. Translation? Rights flow from government ... and government can withdraw those rights if they interfere with government. Government is all powerful. We are here to

serve government. Government will let us do what we want so long as we don't interfere with government's efforts to rule and control."

--N.B.

HERE WE GO--AGAIN!!!

CHICAGO, July 17 (Reuters) - A member of the U.S. Congress has launched a drive to ban the possession and sale of "pocket rockets," handguns so small they fit in the palm of a hand but powerful enough to easily maim and kill.

Representative Rod Blagojevich, an Illinois Democrat, told a news conference there is "some hope" in the next Congress for compromises on various gun issues and he was throwing his proposed ban into the volatile mix.

Despite their size, he said, the high calibre, semiautomatic guns have three times the fire power of standard-issue handguns, have become a favourite of street gangs and have been heavily promoted in areas that have relaxed laws to allow the carrying of concealed weapons.

"They are nothing more than a pocket full of death waiting to happen ... killing power shrunk down to pocket size," said Tom Diaz of the Washington-based Violence Policy Centre who wrote a report on the weapons he and Blagojevich released at the news conference.

The bill would ban the possession or transfer of any handgun less than seven and one-half inches (19 cm) long and capable of holding two or more rounds of ammunition. It would not apply to law enforcement officers and would allow people who owned such guns before the law went into effect to keep them.

Ed.: So the ban won't apply to law enforcement officers. That's interesting. We always thought 394,000 Union soldiers died for the 14th Amendment guarantee of "the equal protection of the laws." Guess we forgot that on the animal farm they are creating some animals are more equal than others.

JUDGE ROY BEAN, PART II?

TEXAS - What defendant wouldn't feel a little intimidated when the trial judge begins to clean his guns at the bench?

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct stated that visiting state District Judge Lon Harper "failed to act in a dignified manner" when he unsheathed two Colt Model 1873 revolvers, took them apart and wiped them clean during jury selection in a 1999 trial. Harper, who lost his judicial seat in a 1998 election but occasionally presides over cases as a visiting judge, told the commission he thought nobody saw him cleaning the guns and that it did not interfere with court proceedings. *"I guess I won't do any more handgun repair on the bench,"* he concluded.

--Weird News

NO PRAISE FOR US PRISONS

Facing felony charges (not specified) possible prisoner-to-be Harry Henderson decided to hightail it to Norway.

After legal bickering between the Norwegian government and the U.S. DOJ, the Norwegian Supreme Court decided not to extradite Henderson stating the U.S. prisons *"...did not meet the minimum standards required for extradition."*

Beam Us All Up!

The Supreme Court says pornography is OK and it is OK to burn the flag, that communists can work in our defense plants, that it is OK to teach witchcraft in our schools and that it is OK for our students to write papers about the devil.

But the Supreme Court says it is illegal to write papers about Jesus, it is illegal to pray in school, and now the Supreme Court says it is even illegal to pray before a football game. Beam me up. I thought the Founders intended to create a Supreme Court, not the Supreme Being. Think about that statement. I yield back a Supreme Court that is so politically correct they are downright stupid, so stupid they could throw themselves at the ground and miss."

-- Ohio Democrat Rep. James Traficant

1984 REVISITED

[Note: 1984 hasn't come and gone, it's just a few years late. --Ed.]

Police in Gloucester, England, are cracking down on racism by entering restaurants in disguise to listen for bigoted conversation.

In the first week of "Operation Napkin," one man was arrested for unacceptable table talk. Another was briefly detained for mimicking an Indian waiter but was let go because police decided his behavior wasn't serious enough to warrant prosecution.

Columnist John O'Sullivan, former editor of *National Review*, points out that George Orwell (in his book 1984) foresaw a nation in which the most serious crimes would not be rape or robbery but "thought crimes." O'Sullivan wrote: *"And the evidence for thought-crimes has to be sought in the nearest equivalent to thoughts: private conversations."* Last year, he noted, an official British report proposed criminalizing racist remarks made in the family home.

--US News & World Report May 22, 2000

ISN'T THIS THE TRUTH

"The fact is that the average man's love of liberty is nine-tenths imaginary, exactly like his love of sense, justice and truth. He is not actually happy when free; he is uncomfortable, a bit alarmed, and

intolerably lonely. Liberty is not a thing for the great masses of men. It is the exclusive possession of a small and disreputable minority, like knowledge, courage and honor. It takes a special sort of man to understand and enjoy liberty -- and he is usually an outlaw in democratic societies." -- H.L. Mencken, February 12, 1923, *Baltimore Evening Sun*

LAWS THAT PROTECT?

Here are the sections of NJ State Statutes which states that you are NOT guaranteed any type of police protection.

59:2-4. Adoption or failure to adopt or enforce a law: A public entity is not liable for any injury caused by adopting or failing to adopt a law or by failing to enforce any law. L.1972, c. 45, s. 59:2-4.

59:5-4. Failure to provide police protection: Neither a public entity nor a public employee is liable for failure to provide police protection service or, if police protection service is provided, for failure to provide sufficient police protection service. L.1972, c. 45, s. 59:5-4.

59:5-5. Failure to make arrest or retain person arrested in custody: Neither a public entity nor a public employee is liable for injury caused by the failure to make an arrest or by the failure to retain an arrested person in custody. L.1972, c. 45, s. 59:5-5.

--J

SCHOOLS THAT EDUCATE?

Ed.: Just as cops in New Jersey have no legal obligation to protect the people (see "Laws That Protect?" above), so the public schools in Colorado have no legal obligation to educate. Ain't government wonderful?

With No Obligation to Educate, Schools Turn to Thought Control

By Linda Gorman

In case you were ever in doubt, the Colorado Court of Appeals has just made it official. Colorado public schools have no legally enforceable obligation to educate children. According to the court, *parents and students cannot sue school districts because they "are not private students enrolled in a private vocational school but, instead, consist of the general public.*

"They have not individually bargained with the school district, nor individually paid for specific educational services. As a result, they cannot assert legal claims for the alleged failure to provide those unbargained-for services."

The Court found that "the contention that the quality of education provided by the school district is inadequate is not a matter to be properly resolved by the courts." Had various courts not already found legal excuses for taking control of almost every other aspect of school operations, its restraint would be refreshing.

In other words, the state may require that children attend school and that everyone

pay school taxes. In return, citizens get to vote for one of the slates of school board candidates offered by the teacher's union.

Though government entities are free to compel people to pay for lousy services over which they have little control, private entities are not. Private vocational schools failing to offer promised classes or hours of instruction can be sued.

Having mastered the art of pretending to educate those required to attend it and having been freed of any responsibility to do otherwise, the Denver Public School System (DPS) is apparently planning to expand into pretending to provide mental, medical, and behavioral health services. To this end, the Center for Human Investment Policy at the University of Colorado Denver was "asked to develop a health/behavioral health needs assessment survey to gather broader input" to determine if "principals, nurses, psychologists, social workers, teachers and parents are in agreement about these issues."

Judging from the loaded questions, DPS officials want the power to pass judgment on the physical, mental, emotional, and social health of individual children and to treat those problems as they see fit.

"What level of health and behavioral health care do you believe your school should provide?" asks question number 7. In addition to "Don't know," one may pick Basic Care, which includes referral for assessment and treatment, Intermediate Care, which adds counseling and care for chronic health problems, or Full Care which includes treatment for general medical and mental health problems and referral to specialists. There is no space for telling DPS elites to stay out of health care delivery until they have mastered the art of delivering reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Note also that mental health and behavioral problems are lumped with medical ones despite the fact that medicine has a scientific basis and most mental and behavioral "health" assessments consist of little more than someone's opinion. The potential for abuse, for drugging the rebels and brainwashing those who disagree, is huge and already beginning to be realized.

[As reported in the March 2000 issue of the *New Jersey Militia Newsletter* and]... Jon E. Dougherty writing in *WorldNetDaily*, Derek Loutzenheiser, a 12-year-old student with an exemplary record in Holland, Michigan, was labeled a potential violence risk when he suggested, in a Social Studies class discussion, that one way to prevent school shootings would be to arm instructors. School officials told his parents that they would not have to involve Social Services if Derek was separated from other students and forced to enter the school's "Mentor" program so that an adult supervisor could monitor his thought processes. *Recall that Social Service bureaucrats have the power to declare*

parents guilty of child abuse until proven innocent, and to take their child from them until parents prove their innocence.

School officials noted that Derek had violated the school's policy of non-violence by fighting back when attacked by three older students and had often spoken favorably about the First and Second Amendments. His parents noted that Derek had refused to sign a "Red Letter" vow of peace written by the principal that asked students to take an oath to turn in their friends for suspicious activity and to never defend themselves if attacked.

In short, Derek had refused to parrot the party line and was judged behaviorally unhealthy. The Soviets pioneered this model by declaring those who disagreed with the government mentally aberrant and imprisoning them in mental institutions until their thinking could be adjusted by psychological conditioning or drugs. As DPS puts it, "schools are where one finds children, so it [sic] is the best place to offer health/behavioral health services," "children need good health to learn, so health/behavioral health is a valid school concern, and "children with health/behavioral health challenges need medical attention in schools to reach their potential."

DPS has a point. Judging from his behavior, Derek has already assimilated the independence and respect for truth characteristic of outstanding Americans. Without medical attention, he never will realize his full potential as a good little citizen in the new world order.

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Man Ticketed in Route to Hospital

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 29, 2000 — Sheriff's authorities are investigating a deputy who allegedly held up a hospital-bound heart attack victim for 30 minutes while issuing a traffic ticket.

Benjamin Basile, 50, of Kenner remained in stable condition Saturday after spending a week in intensive care. From his hospital bed, he said last weekend's traffic stop made him "mad as hell."

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee decided to investigate Deputy Bryan McClendon after the family filed an internal affairs complaint.

McClendon mocked the family and even threatened to arrest Basile while he and family members begged the officer to let them proceed, Basile said.

He was being driven to the hospital by a nephew who accidentally ran a red light

moments before McClendon pulled them over, Gladys Basile said.

When Benjamin Basile tried to get out of the car to talk to the officer, the deputy slammed the door on him, family members said.

"He kept yelling at me, 'You want to go to jail? You want to go to jail?'" Basile said.

According to Basile's family members, when McClendon finally issued the ticket, he said: **"Y'all go ahead and have your heart attack or stroke now. Have a good day."**

Garner said the sheriff's office will determine if McClendon, a nine-year veteran of the force, did anything wrong.

SAVING PRIVATE GORE

"A surfeit of newly released documents from the Justice Department make it clear that Ms. Reno became Mr. Gore's guardian angel, standing between her man and his accusers at every turn, even against senior members of her own staff. Mr. Gore was clearly on the brink of big legal trouble, but Ms. Reno single-handedly rescued his political career from the mire on the eve of his Presidential bid. The internal memos from FBI Director Louis Freeh, the Justice Department's lead investigator Charles La Bella and other members of Ms. Reno's staff (more than 61 memos were released) leave no room for doubt that Ms. Reno equivocated when she could have bowed to hard evidence, prevaricated when she should have taken the advice of others, and simply turned her back on facts inconvenient for Mr. Gore."

--Wall Street Journal editorial, June 14, 2000

SPEAKING OF AL GORE...

At a recent address to the NAACP's national convention Al Gore took a cheap shot at NRA president Charlton Heston and Governor George Bush when he stated, **"The last time Moses listened to a bush, the Israelites wound up wandering in the desert for 40 years."**

Gore's quip was also a sacrilegious swipe at the Almighty. There are many things Al Gore is not, and one thing he is not is a student of Scripture. If he were he would never have made such a statement. Fact is Moses did listen to the Burning Bush -- the Israelites did not, they disobeyed, and hence they wandered forty years in the wilderness until the rebels had died. God then led the remnant into the Promised Land. Any Sunday school child would know this. But not our beloved vice president.

Safe Storage Gun Laws: Accidental Deaths, Suicides, and Crime

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Abstract:

It is frequently assumed that safe storage gun laws reduce accidental gun deaths and total suicides, while the possible impact on crime rates are ignored. However, given existing work on the adverse impact of other safety laws, such as safety caps for storing medicine, even the very plausible assumption of reduced accidental gun deaths cannot be taken for granted. Our paper analyzes both state and county data spanning nearly twenty years, and **we find no support that safe storage laws reduce either juvenile accidental gun deaths or suicides. Instead, these storage requirements appear to impair people's ability to use guns defensively.** Because accidental shooters also tend to be the ones most likely to violate the new law, **safe storage laws increase violent and property crimes against low risk citizens with no observable offsetting benefit in terms of reduced accidents or suicides. During the first five full years after the passage of the safe storage laws, the group of fifteen states that adopted these laws faced an annual average increase of over 300 more murders, 3,860 more rapes, 24,650 more robberies, and over 25,000 more aggravated assaults. On average, the annual costs borne by victims averaged over \$2.6 billion as a result of lost productivity, out-of-pocket expenses, medical bills, and property losses.**

"FBI Task Force to Fight Domestic Terrorism in Western North Carolina"

CHARLOTTE -- The FBI is about to announce a domestic terrorism task force to protect Charlotte and Western North Carolina. They are expected to make the announcement next month.

Agents say Charlotte could be a target for terrorists, not because it is a major banking center, but because it is so close to where militia groups gather.

The same forces that have left their violent fingerprints elsewhere could plan the same for Charlotte. "There is not state that does not have some kind of patriot activity, some very violent, some very extreme," said Dennis Molenaar, domestic violence expert.

Molenaar is in Charlotte speaking to a convention about the threats from anti-government groups. He says it is not so much what Charlotte has, like big banks and buildings, but who we have around us, like militia groups, that could make us targets for domestic terrorism.

In fact, the FBI is putting together a new task force, based in Charlotte, to head-off the problem. "We know about certain

organizations that are right up to the line. Those we'll focus our resources on," said FBI agent Chris Swecker.

What makes it more difficult is that often the most dangerous groups are small, making them tough to detect in the growing Charlotte region. "We may have to tighten security on government buildings like they do in other parts of the world, and our people aren't ready for you to do that," said Molenaar.

But it may be the price required to stay both free and safe from American terrorism. The FBI says their task force will include the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police force. They will bring in additional agents as well.

They plan to ask for about a half million dollars in funding next year to support their operations against domestic terrorism.

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Ed.: this "report" shows the depth to which the media has sunk, and the lengths to which the federal police will go to subvert local police.

The reporting is slipshod from the headline on down. Real journalists cite three or more sources, but this report uses only FBI agents and a briefing to an unidentified "convention" by an FBI "domestic violence expert" who is putting on a dog and pony show to justify a half million dollar budget request for next year. With this half million the FBI will protect all of western North Carolina from undocumented threats. (The reporter unquestioningly accepted the existence of the alleged threat and the slanderous comments about patriots and the militia.) Magnanimously the feds will lead a multi-jurisdictional task force in which the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police force will be permitted to participate.

Let's forget for a moment that arguably the largest group of domestic terrorists in America today is the FBI itself. But let's suppose there is a real threat in western NC. Who should deal with it? Should not the sheriff? Even the FBI scaremongers say the alleged terrorist groups are small. The sheriff could get warrants and lawfully deal with the few troublemakers. He could if necessary deputize the citizenry, armed with their own weapons, to assist him. (The FBI would hate that.) If the threat were beyond their capability he could call on other peace officers and, if necessary, the governor, who in turn has the militia at his disposal. Thus NC has the means to deal with the (unsubstantiated) problem. There is absolutely no need for a federalized task force. So who needs the feds? The founders left criminal prosecutions to the states. Shouldn't we?

Perhaps the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police were neither conned nor bribed by the FBI. Maybe patriots in NC and throughout the country should consider informing local police about their true role in protecting the people from enemies foreign and domestic.